

IRONSTONE

Vineyards

2015 *Limited Release* Verdelho

In 1926, the Kautz family began farming in the Lodi region and in 1948, John Kautz Farms was founded. In 1990, after many successful years of growing wine grapes, the family completed the Ironstone Winery. The Ironstone Winery is a modern replica of an 1859 Gold Stamp Mill complete with tasting room, gourmet delicatessen, wine aging cavern, conference and wedding facilities, outdoor Amphitheatre, and 14.5 acres of landscaped gardens. The Heritage Museum and Jewelry Shoppe contains artifacts from the gold rush era, as well as the largest specimen of Crystalline Gold Leaf – a 40 lb. treasure. The family philosophy of winemaking is that quality wine grapes, a touch of artistry and patience create captivating elegant wines.



Winemaker Notes

From the silvery-green color, the 2015 is very floral on the nose with delightful notes of honeydew, d'anjou pears, tangerine, pineapple and nutmeg. This is followed by beautiful fragrances of lemon, pineapple, citrus and spice that captivates the flavors and accentuates the intense minerality. It is medium bodied with a long and clean finish.

Vineyard Notes

The Kautz Family grows these Verdelho grapes in Calaveras County right in their Ironstone Estate vineyards. The vineyards are located 2400 ft. above sea level where warm days are cooled by the evening mountain air. This area's unique soil of decomposed granite mixed with volcanic sediment and red clay produce a wonderful mineral component.

Sustainable Viticultural Practices

At Ironstone, we use crop reduction, leaf removal, organic materials, and drip irrigation to improve the quality and intensity of flavors. Cover crops, which attract beneficial insects, are also employed. In addition, we place owl and wood duck boxes around the vineyards and ponds helping to preserve the surrounding habitats.

Serving Suggestions:

Verdelho is a wonderful companion with citrus marinated quail that has been pan seared with a wild rice and farro salad. Also great with light fish dishes and chicken in light pasta sauces.

Appellation: Calaveras

Blend: 100% Verdelho

Aging: Stainless Steel

Alcohol: 15.0%

pH: 3.45

TA: 6.69 g/L

RS: 1.0 g/L

Production: 150 cases/12

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